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EXPERIMENTAL VISUAL MANOEUVRING SIGNALS

1. The Secretary-General has recently been informed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany that certain ships under their flag, namely the seagoing dredger Johannes Gähns (4340 tons G.T.) and the buoy-tender Walter Körte (586 tons G.T.) both operating in the Elbe estuary and in the German Bight and two auxiliary ships of the Federal German Navy operating in the Baltic and in the North Sea, have been equipped for experimental purposes with a visual signalling device intended to indicate manoeuvring actions.

2. The object of the experiment is to evaluate the usefulness of such additional signals, which are:

- (a) a flashing masthead light positioned above the white aft masthead light required by the Collision Regulations;
- (b) a flashing stern light positioned above the stern light prescribed by the Collision Regulations.

3. These intermittently transmitted signals indicate the following:

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- 1 flash - "I am altering my course to starboard"
- 2 flashes - "I am altering my course to port"
- 3 flashes - "My engines are going astern".

The signals will be given when the manoeuvre begins and will be kept on until the manoeuvre has been completed or stopped.

4. Observers of the signals are invited to communicate their observations and/or comments to the masters of the vessels mentioned above by radiotelephony or send their reports to:

Federal Ministry of Transport,
Department of Shipping,
2000 Hamburg 4,
Bernhard-Nocht Strasse 78,
Federal Republic of Germany.

5. The above is brought to the attention of Member Governments at the request of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.
